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- (i) The answer is in the negative; the question of constituting committees will be taken up when complete information relating to Hindu temples is available.

Education.

Location of the Muhammadan High School, Kurnool.

* 227 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government Muhammadan High School, Kurnool, has been located in an unsuitable building; and

(b) whether for want of accommodation various classes are held in open verandahs exposed to sun and wind; if so, what action the Government will be pleased to take in this matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The building is not unsuitable but the accommodation is insufficient and steps are being taken to improve it.

Increments to unpassed clerks in Registration and Educational Departments.

* 228 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Registration and Director of Public Instruction have issued orders to the heads of offices to withhold the grant of further increments pending further orders and called for statements of those unpassed clerks in view to the question of their exemption being considered?

A.—Yes.

Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act.

* 229 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state when the proposed Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act will be introduced?

A.—The final form of the Bill has not yet been settled.

Commercial school, etc., at Calicut.

* 230 Q.—Mr. K. RAGBHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government maintain at Calicut a commercial school and a soap factory of their own; and

(b) if so, what are the special reasons for such maintenance at Calicut alone?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Soap factory was opened to demonstrate the possibility of soap manufacture in a centre where sufficient supplies of the necessary ingredients were procurable. Calicut was considered the most suitable place for the experiment. A duplication of the experiment in other centres was not thought necessary.

There is another Government School of Commerce at Vizagapatam.